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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

CIVIL NO. 3:04CV577-MU

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)

Plaintiff,)

v.)

\$36,510 IN UNITED STATES)
CURRENCY,)

Defendant.)

**DEFAULT JUDGMENT OF
FORFEITURE**

THIS MATTER is before the Court on the government's motion under Fed. R. Civ. P. 55(b)(2) for a default judgment of forfeiture against the defendant property.

THE COURT FINDS THAT:

1. A verified complaint for forfeiture in rem of the defendant property was filed on November 22, 2004. This Court found probable cause for forfeiture and issued a warrant for arrest in rem.

2. Process was fully issued in this action and returned according to law. Pursuant to the warrant for arrest in rem, the government duly seized the defendant property. Service of process was made by publication of public notice in The Mecklenburg Times on February 11, 18, and 25, 2005.

3. No person has filed a verified claim or an answer within the time allowed by law, and default was accordingly entered on May 19, 2005.

4. Based on the affidavit of ATF Special Agent David Booth, filed with the complaint, the government has shown probable cause to believe that the defendant property is proceeds of and/or was used or intended to be used to facilitate illegal drug trafficking, and that it is therefore subject to forfeiture under 21 U.S.C. §881(a)(6).

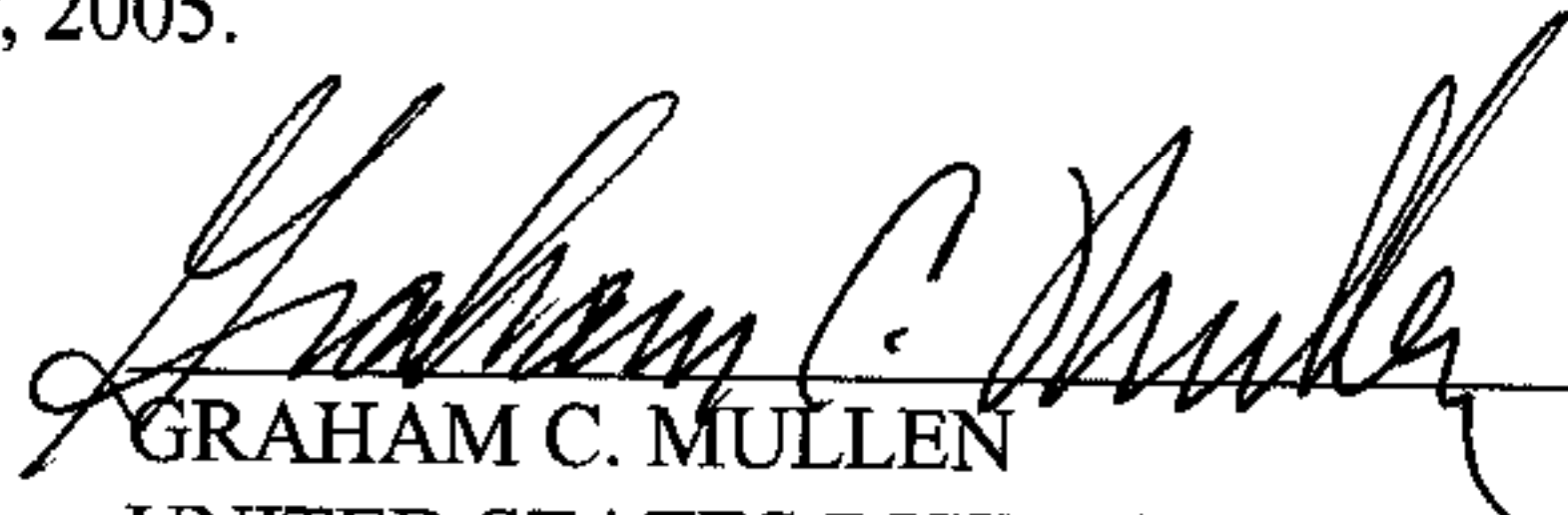
BASED ON THE FOREGOING FINDINGS, THE COURT CONCLUDES that the government is entitled to a judgment of forfeiture by default against the defendant property.

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THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:

1. The government's motion for default judgment of forfeiture is hereby granted.
2. Any and all right, title and interest of all persons in the world in or to the defendant property is hereby forfeited to the United States; and no other right, title, or interest shall exist therein.
3. The United States is hereby directed to dispose of the forfeited defendant property as provided by law.

Signed this the 13th day of May, 2005.


GRAHAM C. MULLEN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE